

## EXPLOSION IN A BATHROOM.

Mrs. Grey May Die as the Result of Her Alcohol Bath Exploding.

## WHOLE BODY BADLY BURNED.

Rescued in a Nude Condition by Plucky Public Works Laborers.

## HER MOTHER INJURED ALSO.

The House Caught Fire and Some of the Tenants Were Carried Down Ladders.

Mrs. Eliza Grey, the young married daughter of Jacques Kruger, the actor, was nearly burned to death this morning by an explosion of alcohol in the little flat at 238 East Nineteenth street, where she lived with her mother.

Mrs. Grey, who is an invalid, was taking an alcohol bath in the bathroom at the rear of the flat, which is on the first floor, and she had incautiously left a gas jet burning in the room.

The fumes of the alcohol reaching the jet an explosion followed and the room was ablaze in an instant.

Mrs. Kruger, who was in the front room, hearing the explosion and her daughter's shrieks for help, ran to her assistance.

Her clothing caught fire, and both women would have perished had it not been for the timely assistance of William Henderson and Henry Elmers, two members of a squad of workmen for the Public Works Department, who were repairing the pavement in Nineteenth street, only two or three doors away.

Startled by the cries of the woman, the two men rushed to the entrance of the flat, and there met Mrs. Kruger coming out of the back door, her clothes ablaze.

Elmers caught her in his arms and extinguished the flames with his coat, while the woman kept shrieking: "My child, my child! She is burning. Save her for God's sake!"

Henderson tried to get in at the back door, but the latch had sprung, so, seizing a crowbar he burst in the front door.

He made for the rear room, and there he saw Mrs. Grey, he says, staggering along the wall in the midst of the bluish flames, and just on the point of falling down.

She had nothing on.

Snatching a blanket from one of the beds in the room Henderson threw it about the woman, and taking her in his arms, with the assistance of several other members of the gang, carried her into the adjoining house, 241, which is kept by Mrs. Williams, who knows the Krugers.

Then an alarm was sent out from the nearest box, and in a few minutes the firemen were on hand.

The rear of the first floor was all in flames, and the tenants of the upper floors fled in a panic, so rapidly did the fire spread.

Mrs. Purly, the janitress, was on the fourth floor with Mrs. Maurice Boon, the wife of the owner of the building. They had heard the cries of Mrs. Kruger and her daughter, and seeing the smoke rushed downstairs and made their escape.

Mrs. Charles Wise, who lives on the third floor, and Mrs. Finch, the second floor tenant, were frightened by the smoke in the hall and kept to their rooms.

They were taken down on ladders from the windows by the firemen of No. 3 truck, which had arrived.

An ambulance was summoned, but by the time it arrived, Mrs. Eliza Grey, 115 East Nineteenth street, the Krugers' family physician, had been called in, and he said he would attend to the woman.

The fire was soon extinguished, and the damage is slight, being covered by \$200.

Dr. Elizaebah said at noon to-day that Mrs. Grey's injuries were very serious, and there was some doubt whether she would recover. She was burned terribly all over her body.

Mrs. Kruger's mother, who was also badly burned about the face and arms, but her condition is not serious.

Actor Kruger, who was sent for, arrived at the house just before noon, and was overcome with grief at the misfortune, which had befallen his wife and daughter. He said he was told by some of the neighbors that the explosion occurred while the two women were cleaning an Angora rug with benzine, but this did not tally with the account given by the police.

Henderson and the other men from the Public Works gang who rescued the woman said that when they entered the Kruger apartments the place was as hot as an oven, and there was a strong smell of the fumes of alcohol.

Mrs. Grey had made her way from the bathroom and was groping about to find the door when Henderson found her. A moment more and she would have been overcome.

She had recovered consciousness at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but was suffering terribly from her burns.

## UPSET BOILER OF HOT WATER

Kennedy Children Scalded While Playing Around a Stove.

While two-year-old Arthur Kennedy and his brother, Cornelius, nine months old, were playing around the stove in their home, 619 First avenue, at 11 o'clock this morning a boiler containing hot water was upset, scattering its contents over the little ones.

Both the children were severely scalded about the body and legs. They were removed to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance.

SCALDED IN A "SWEAT BATH."

A Bather Blistered by Using a Hot Water Shower.

Julius Newman, proprietor of a bath known as "Sweat Baths," at 29 Orchard street, has no attendants. Every bather is expected to look after himself. Last night Elias Mayrowitz, a tailor, of 55 Allen street, spent several hours in the bath and was preparing to leave at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Bathers after leaving the hot room are expected to throw a pail of water over their heads for a shower.

Mayrowitz found the water was boiling hot, and had been placed in reach for another purpose. He fell to the floor, and jumped up and down. Proprietor Newman doused him repeatedly with cold water until one of the assistants called in, Eugene Scholten, of 115 East Nineteenth street, who, in an ambulance, took him to Gouverneur Hospital. He was rubbed with oil and placed in one of the wards, where he is remaining his "sweat bath."

## PLAN OF SEPARATION

Charities and Correction to Be Made Two Departments.

## DIVISION OF THE ISLANDS.

All but Riker's and Part of Blackwell's for Charities-Increased Expense of \$220,000.

## SIDE-WIPED A SLEEPER.

U. S. Marshal and an Ex-Secretary of State Will Probably Die.

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